

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON October 24, 2016

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in regular session, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas, on October 24, 2016. Those present:

Fred Foley, Chairman
John Steffen, Commissioner
Carol Voran, Commissioner
Carol Noblit, Master County Clerk

John Caton, County Counselor was present.

Visitors: Donna Hardesty; Jason Jump, Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Kevin Cowan, Gilmore & Bell.

Staff: Nancy Borst, Communications Coordinator; Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Mendy Frampton, Activity Center Director; Heather Kinsler, 911 Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer.

Chairman Foley called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Chairman Foley asked if there were any additions to the agenda. The County Clerk would like to add a request for an executive session for non-elect personnel matters, Commissioner Foley would like to add discussion on the KAC Policy Statement and Commissioner Steffen would like to add discussion of the trash dumping on county/township roads.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the additions to the agenda. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:15 a.m. Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance, was in to discuss purchasing a Generator Set & Automatic Transfer Switch. Mr. Schnittker also asked to purchase annual maintenance for the generator.

8:44 a.m. Stan Goetz was in to discuss human resources/planning/zoning.

Mr. Goetz distributed information about this year's annual performance reviews, including some input from department heads. He asked commissioners to let him know when they want to start conducting reviews.

The Planning Commission meets tonight to consider the SUP/CUP for Flat Ridge 4.

Previously, the county had clarified some definitions in its zoning regulations. A resolution regarding this new wording will be presented to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 8:51 a.m.

8:51 a.m. Kevin Cowan of Gilmore & Bell was in to discuss financing for FAS bridge #18 (the Smoots Creek/Midway bridge).

He presented an authorizing resolution to use bonds to finance the bridge. The statutory authority is K.S.A. 68-1103. There is no publication requirement for the resolution. The estimated cost of the bridge is \$2.2 million. Mr. Cowan said the county could include funds to reimburse engineering and design costs in the bond issue. The bond payments are exempt from the state-imposed property tax lid.

Commissioner Voran said she would like to see the county amend the bond amount to \$2.5 million to include the costs of engineering and design.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve **RESOLUTION 2016-R-31 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF THE CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION OF A CERTAIN BRIDGE IN KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS; AUTHORIZING SUCH CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION TO BE UNDERTAKEN AND COMPLETED; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF.** Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the county commissioners.

Mr. Cowan will return next week with a resolution with more specifics about the bond issue and calling for the sale of the bonds on Nov. 17. Commissioners will hold a special meeting at 4 p.m. Nov. 17 to approve the sale.

Commissioner asked Mr. Cowan questions about the request from Ninnescah Valley Health Systems to put a three-quarter percent countywide sales tax to a public vote with proceeds going to support Kingman Community Hospital. Mr. Cowan said the proceeds of this sales tax must go to fund healthcare, which could include entities other than just the hospital. The county would decide how the proceeds would be used in the election wording when presenting the issue to voters.

Mr. Cowan left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

10:15 a.m. Mendy Frampton was in to discuss the Activity Center. She asked for permission to accept sealed bids on the old bucking chutes. The new chutes have been installed. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. Oct. 31.

Ms. Frampton updated commissioners on the need for a no rise certificate in regard to the proposed south addition to the Activity Center. No final determination has been made.

She asked about holding a renaming contest for the Activity Center. She is working toward a grand opening after the renovation project is complete. She also wants to work on branding for the facility. Commissioners said they would think about whether to hold a contest.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

10:40 a.m. Charles Arensdorf and Steve Bachenberg were in to discuss roads. They presented options for Rural #2 bridge near Cunningham along with a proposal from Kirkham Michael to develop a scope of work for the bridge. Commissioner Steffen suggested alternate styles for the Rural #2 Bridge.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to hire Kirkham Michael at a cost of \$23,500 to prepare a scope of work to replace Rural #2 bridge. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the county commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg presented seven options for the damaged Dale #20 bridge. After discussion, commissioners agreed by consensus to pursue option #6, which calls for a taller, shorter replacement bridge and additional road grading. Mr. Bachenberg will ask Kirkham Michael to prepare a proposal to develop a scope of work for this project.

Mr. Bachenberg said the county should receive the results of a Kansas Department of Transportation safety study at Murdock in the next few weeks.

11:55 a.m. Mr. Bachenberg, Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting.

11:55 a.m. Heather Kinsler was in to discuss a new computer server for the Law Enforcement Center. She found out that 911 funds can be used to purchase the server, which has an estimated cost of \$24,000.

11:57 a.m. Ms. Kinsler left the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Voran moved to approve the Oct. 17 minutes as presented. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the county commissioners.

Commissioner Voran shared a Kansas Association of Counties Policy Statement for the 2017 session of the Kansas Legislature. The summary of the statement lists nine broad policy positions. The policy positions will be looked at again before the legislature convenes.

Ms. Voran reported that she had consulted the Wichita State University Hugo Wall School in regard to the process for redistricting of the county commission. She expects to receive more information soon.

Commissioner Foley reported that a large amount of trash had been dumped on a township road. He was asked whether the county could pick up the trash. The county does not have a policy or procedure for that. He encouraged the township to work with the sheriff's office on the issue. John Caton will research what the county has in place in regard to regulations about littering.

Commissioners discussed options for the annual holiday party. They instructed the County Clerk to inquire about availability of sites the week on Dec. 20, 21 or 22.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the county commissioners.